

Horatio Rawlings...A Gower Doctor

Horatio Rawlings came to Reynoldston from Swansea in 1890 as the only doctor, not just for Reynoldston, but much of Gower. He was the son of a Wesleyan minister from Pickering, Yorkshire. He lived for some years at The Bryn (just below the Chapel) and later at Prospect House (formerly Prospect Cottage and then renamed The Gables in 1930 - next to the Post Office). Prospect Cottage/House was the home of the village doctors for many years.

Rawlings was a most able and popular doctor during his thirteen years in Gower, visiting many of his patients but not asking for remuneration.

Rawlings and his wife were strong supporters of the Methodist Chapel as well as him being the conductor of the Village Choir. His brother, John, was also a Doctor and very much involved with developments at the Swansea General and Eye Hospital. John was also a leader of the Temperance Movement in Swansea and led a successful campaign, in 1904, opposing a liquor licence at the Grand Theatre!

The medical link is still maintained as The Gables is still the home of a doctor. Grove Cottage, on the Lower Green, the home of Daniel Davies who was practising in the 1830s, is also the home of a doctor.